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- There was much shipping traffic in Rostock Harbor in the few days preceding 26 February 1952, mainly small Scandinavian freighters which loaded briquettes. Three Soviet freighters of about 8,000 tons and a Polish freighter of 4,000 tons also arrived. The Soviet ships brought tobacco and steel. They loaded cases of optical goods, bookkeeping and typewriting machines, bridge construction material, textiles, cement, and chemicals. The Polish freighter loaded mixed goods and building material; it also loaded Diesel engines and parts of a refrigerating plant.
- From 26 February to 1 March 1952 eight Scandinavian motor-sailers, a Soviet freighter of about 2,000 tons and three Polish freighters of about 3,000 tons arrived in the port of Rostock. Two of the Polish ships were empty; the other brought a cargo consisting of farm produce, textile raw materials, and provisions, especially eggs. The Polish ships loaded cases of optical goods, glass and ceramic ware, and chemicals. The Soviet freighter loaded reparations goods, including boiler plants, optical goods from Jena, mine locomotives, and machine tools for fine machine work.

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